

10th EMN Educational Seminar on Migration: Demystifying Migration and Harnessing Its Power

organised by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
as the coordinator of the EMN Slovakia

Hotel Devín, Riečna 4, Bratislava, Slovakia
17 – 19 June 2024 | www.emnseminar.sk

Programme

Seminar topics:

- Latest migration policies and trends
- Myths and realities about migration
- Climate migration and its complex interlinkages
- Migrants' rights and state sovereignty

» side activity: stories of migrants in virtual reality «

During coffee and lunch breaks, you can immerse yourselves into the lives of migrants affected by climate change as well as of internally displaced people (IDPs) by asking them in the virtual reality to reflect on their [most cherished possessions](#). The items that displaced people carry with them when they have to leave their homes often become physical representations of a world that has since disappeared. For many, they represent a promise of return. A key, a shirt or a photo can now serve both as a symbol of struggle and a beacon of hope.

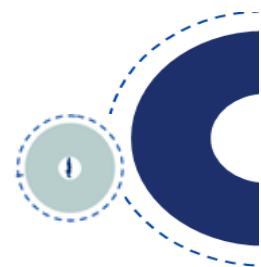
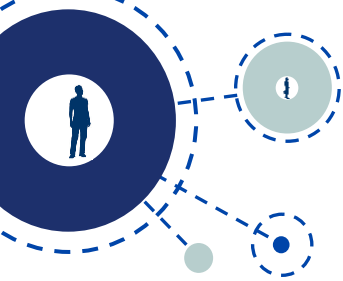
» public events: theatre play & film screening «

In the [evenings](#), to raise awareness on the seminar topics among public and commemorate the World Refugee Day, you can join us for a theatre play Home, where is yours? followed by a discussion, and to watch a film Old Oak depicting how newly resettled Syrian refugees start their new life in a village in Northeast England.

The seminar is organised as in-person event.

The English and Slovak interpreting is provided.

Moderated by Katarína Kubovičová, Soňa Oboňová, and Natália Ulrichová from the EMN Slovakia's coordinating team.



17 June (Monday, 9.00 – 17.00 CEST): Migration trends and policies

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 Opening of the seminar

Valon Halimi, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia & EMN Slovakia's National Steering Board member
Katarína Kubovičová, Head of EMN Slovakia Unit, IOM Slovakia

9.15 – 9.30 Opening key note speech

Ľudovít Bíró, Director of Migration Office, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic & EMN Steering Board member for the Slovak Republic

9.30 – 10.00 Introducing the Pact on Migration and Asylum – opening lecture (online)

Magnus Ovilius, Head of Sector and Senior Expert for Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring at the European Commission

10.00 – 10.40 Evidence-based policymaking with impact – opening lecture

Vladimír Šucha, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in the Slovak Republic

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.45 Latest migration trends in the world and migrant vulnerabilities in changing climate (online)

Koko Warner, Director of IOM's Global Data Institute, Germany

11.45 – 12.30 Forced displacement in the world and Central/Eastern European region

Nicole Epting, Regional Representative, UNHCR Representation for Central Europe, Hungary

12.30 – 13.00 What challenges do refugees face due to conflicts?

Janne Teller, novelist & former conflict advisor to the EU and UN, Denmark

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.45 Building bridges through the work of intercultural mediators in the city of Brno

Karin Atassi, intercultural worker and interpreter, Brno Municipality, Czech Republic

14.45 – 15.15 Integration of migrants in municipalities through well-designed policies

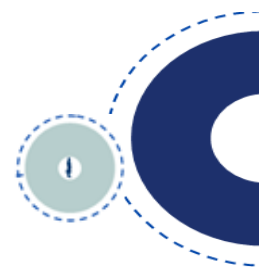
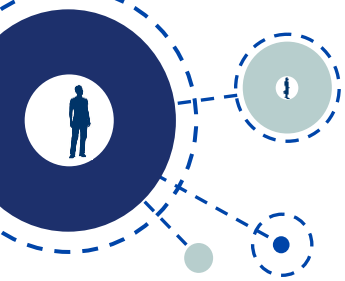
Lenka Šafránková Pavlíčková, sociologist & Project Manager at SocioFactor, Czech Republic

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45 Integration of migrants in municipalities through well-designed policies (workshop)

Lenka Šafránková Pavlíčková & Karin Atassi

16.45 – 17.00 Wrap-up of the first seminar day



Evening public event on 17 June

EMN Discussion Evening with theatre play: Home, Where is Yours?

(Time: 19.00 – 21.00 CEST | Place: Nová scéna Theatre, Živnostenská 1, Bratislava | [Facebook event](#))

Free public event.

19.00 / Theatre play 'Domov, kde je ten tvoj?' (Home, Where is Yours?)

(60 min. without break; Slovak language with paper transcript in English; trailer [here](#); directed by Svetozár Sprušanský) is a fictional story of two Slovaks who flee their war-torn homeland. The theatre play is based on the book "War, what if it were here?", by Danish novelist, Janne Teller. The book was published in Denmark (2001), and since then re-adapted to more than 16 country-specific versions.

"Imagine what if you lose the roof over your head, your mum, your friends. Where would you go?

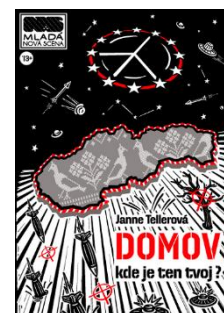
As a 12-year old you and your family flee your country to a peaceful place. Nowhere and nevermore you will feel at home. Always and everywhere you will be only a foreigner. Someone took away your life and totally turned it upside down. Will you learn to live a new life?"

20.15 / Discussion with

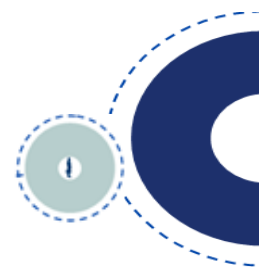
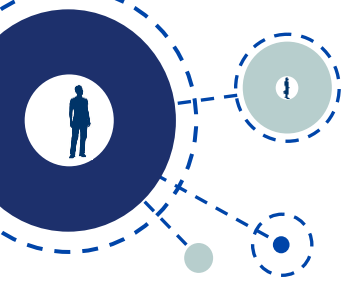
- **Janne Teller**, best-selling Danish novelist and author of the book "War, what if it were here?" and former conflict advisor to the EU and UN, and
- **Lenka Šafránková Pavlíčková**, Czech sociologist who was leading projects aimed at integration of foreigners at Brno Municipality.

Moderated by Valon Halimi, Chief of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia.

The discussion will be in English and interpreted to Slovak language.



For the seminar participants, tickets will be available at the seminar venue. Tickets for the public can be reserved via rezervacie@novascena.sk.



18 June (Tuesday, 9.00 – 17.15 CEST): Migrants' rights, governance, and public perceptions of migration

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.30 What are the attitudes of the public towards foreigners and migration?
Michal Vašečka, sociologist & Program Director at Bratislava Policy Institute, Slovakia

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 How is migration governed across the world? Enhancing migration management systems through migration policies and strategies (including workshop)
Estefanía Guallar Ariño, Data Coordinator, Migration Governance Indicators at International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s Global Data Institute, Germany

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Courts and migrants' rights (online)
Iris Goldner Lang, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia & holder of the UNESCO Chair on Free Movement of Persons, Migration and Inter-Cultural Dialogue

15.00 – 15.45 The role of humanitarian border management in traditional border governance
Linda Cottone, Project Officer at Immigration and Border Governance Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Headquarters, Switzerland

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 17.00 The role of humanitarian border management in traditional border governance (workshop)
Linda Cottone, Project Officer at Immigration and Border Governance Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Headquarters, Switzerland

17.00 – 17.15 Wrap-up of the second seminar day

Evening public event on 18 June

EMN Film Screening: The Old Oak

(Time: 19.00 – 21.00 CEST | Place: Kino Film Europe, Štefánikova 25, Bratislava, Slovakia | [Facebook event](#))

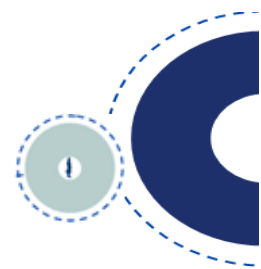
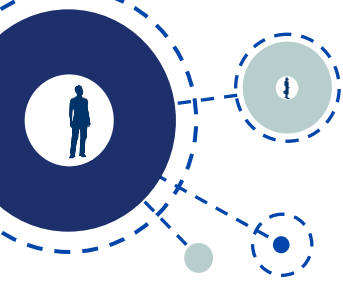
Free public event.

Screening of the film *The Old Oak* (2023, 1h 53min, English with Czech subtitles) directed by Ken Loach, written by Paul Laverty. Trailer [here](#).

The Old Oak is the story of a village in the Northeast of England. Many have left what was once a thriving, proud community which now struggles to keep old values alive. There is growing anger, resentment and a lack of hope, but houses are cheap and available. This makes it an ideal location for Syrian refugees. How will they be received? And what does the future hold for the last remaining pub in the village, *The Old Oak*?



For the seminar participants, tickets will be available at the seminar venue. Tickets for the public can be reserved online at the [cinema website](#) and picked on the day of the screening till 18.45 CEST.



19 June (Wednesday, 9.00 – 15.30 CEST): Climate migration and its complex interlinkages

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.30 How climate change creates the movement of people? Testimonies from across the world (including workshop)

Fahmida Miah, Programme Manager at Climate Outreach, United Kingdom

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Climate change, conflict, and food security: perspectives from Chad (including workshop)

Pascal Reyntjens, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Chad

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Myths and realities of environmental and climate migration (online)

François Gemenne, specialist of environmental geopolitics and migration governance & Director of the Hugo Observatory at the University of Liège, Belgium

15.00 – 15.30 Concluding remarks & handing over the seminar certificates of participation*

** for participants who attended the entire seminar*

Valon Halimi, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia

What is the EMN?

The European Migration Network (EMN) is an EU network of migration and asylum experts who work together to provide objective, comparable policy-relevant information and knowledge on emerging issues relating to asylum and migration in Europe. The network is coordinated by the European Commission (DG Migration and Home Affairs) and its Service Provider (ICF), and comprises National Contact Points for all EU Member States (except Denmark) as well as Norway, Georgia, The Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Montenegro, Armenia, and Serbia as observers.

Since 2009, coordinator of the EMN National Contact Point for the Slovak Republic is the International Organization for Migration (IOM), other members are the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. The activities of the EMN in Slovakia are funded by the European Union and co-funded by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic. Further information is available at www.emn.sk and www.ec.europa.eu/emn. For any queries please contact us at nepslovakia@iom.int.